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20 Point Programme: Blue Print For Progress

By K K. SHAH.

On the eve of laying down office, after serving the State of Tamil Nadu for over five years, I wish to express my heart-felt gratitude to the people of Tamil Nadu who have consistently showered their affection on me and made my tasks considerably lighter. My greater satisfaction and sense of fulfilment comes from the fact that I was able to identify myself with the people of Tamil Nadu, their hopes and aspirations, their plans and schemes, their traditions and their culture. The people of Tamil Nadu, who have a glorious past and a proud record of service in the freedom struggle, can legitimately look forward to a bright future. I am happy that I was able to contribute in my own humble way to laying stable foundations for this bright future. The cultured cosmopolitanism, intellectual keenness, social awareness and political consciouness of the people of Tamil Nadu are rich assets not only for themselves but for the nation as a whole.

STUDY OF TAMIL

It was my privilege during the last few years to study the Tamil language, and although the treasures of that language are so vast that it would need a life-long commitment to unravel them, yet I can confidently say that to-day I am a good student and a keen lover of Tamil. This study of Tamil and my introduction to the hoary cultural literary and ethical heritage

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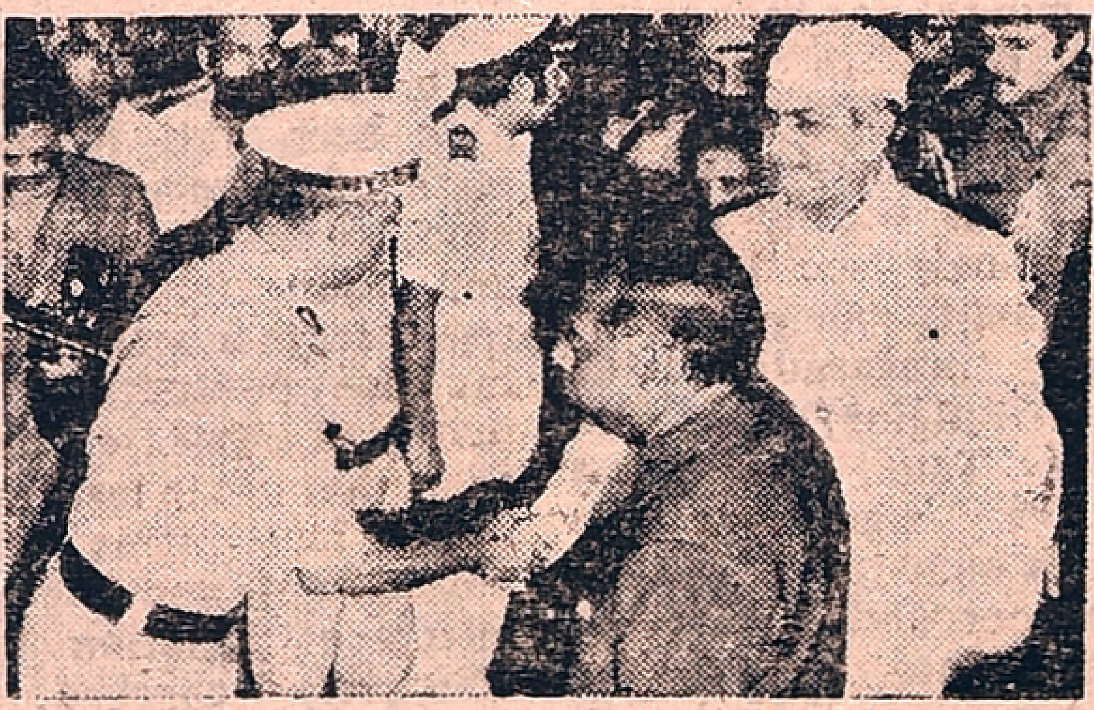
New Governor Arrives



Shri Mohanlal Sukhadia, new Governor of Tamil Nadu, was received at Madras Central Station by the State Officials. Picture shows Chief Secretary Mr. Karthikeyan introducing Police Commissioner, Mr. K. Chenthamarai.
—Photo A. Arumugam

Words to Remember

[Excerpts from the speeches of the Prime Minister]

Talking to a group of industrial workers on Television, the Prime Minister said there was not an iota of truth in the allegation that the Government was indifferent to the interests of industrial workers.

A situation had been reached in which inflation had been galloping—perhaps at the rate of two percent every month. "Had we continued to pay you (the bonus as demanded), that would have only further added to the inflationary trend."

The dearness allowance that had been deducted had not been taken away but it was their money and was safely deposited. Efforts were now being made to ultilise this money in a way beneficial to both to workers and the country.

The earlier decision (to pay increased bonus) had not been taken after due consideration. Suddenly the quantum of bonus was raised to more than eight per cent without giving any thought to its effect on production. Such an arrangement had not existed in any other country—whether socialist, communist or capitalist.

"It was our mistake and not yours (workers). We are trying to create conditions wherein your income should go up with increase in out-put. And with increased income you could actually buy things of your daily need."

Government wanted to avoid a situation where the workers having money in their hands could not buytheir family requirements.

THUS SPAKE THE MAHATMA

Satyagraha is gentle, it never wounds. It must not be the result of anger or malice. It is never fussy, never impatient, never vociferous. It is the direct opposite of compulsion. It was conceived as a complete substitute for violence.

ASOKA SCENTED BETELNUT POWDER

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INDO-SOVIET JOINT DECLARATION

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's visit to Soviet Union has been a big success.

The two countries have noted the importance of meetings at highest level as "a factor promoting effectively the development and deepening of inter-state relations" and have agreed to hold such meetings regularly.

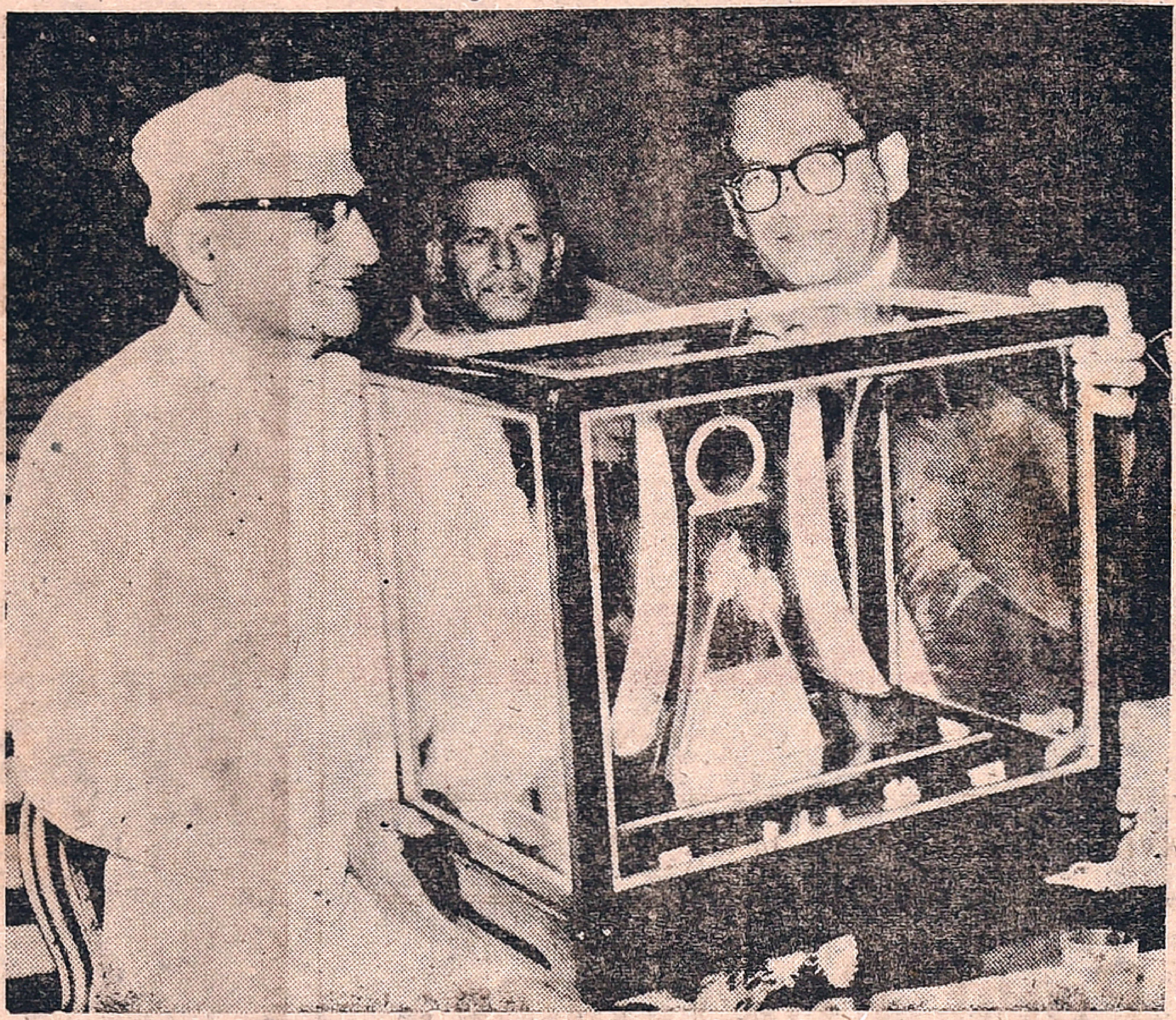
India, under the leadership of Smt. Indira Gandhi, is making great efforts to strengthen the country's economic independence and the Soviet Union has expressed its readiness to render "appropriate" assistance.

Since the signing of the Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation between the two countries in 1971 and the Joint Indo-Soviet Declaration of 1973, scientific and technical cooperation has expanded in many ways.

"A number of big industrial enterprises and other projects have been built, are under construction and are being expanded" by the Soviet Union in India, which have contributed to the strengthening of our economy.

The two countries will "seek to expand in every way their production co-operation, particularly in the field of non-ferrous metallurgy, textile technology, electronics and agricultural production."

The two countries have decided that for achieving the trade target as envisaged in the 1973 declaration, "new areas and new modes" of cooperation should be explored.



Shri P. K. Dave is seen presenting a memento to Shri K. K. Shah at the farewell function at Rajaji Hall, Madras, on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu

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of that language, have greatly widened my perspective and strengthened my equipment for meeting the challenges of public life. The love of Tamil, which the average Tamilian has in abundant measure, could be harnessed as a powerful positive and progressive force to promote national well being. It has been said that no one can be a true Tamilian without being a true Indian and no Tamilian can be a true Indian without being a good Tamilian. It is when the Tamil spirit mingles and merges with the mainstream of national consciousness that fulfilment can be obtained and progress strengthened. It was in the realisation of the constructive and positive role that love of one's mother-tongue can play in strengthening the national spirit and consciousness, that Mahatma Gandhi included the development of the mother tongue as one of the most important items of the constructive programme, which he gave to the nation, not only as a strategy for the freedom fight but as the Charter for the progress of a free nation. I have every confidence that the people of Tamil Nadu who cherish their great language will make it an instrument of growth and consolidation of national integration.

SIGNIFICANT ROLE

The last few months, when Tamil Nadu has been under President's Rule, have seen the consolidation of the gains of the emergency and helped the State to take significant strides towards ensuring enjoyment of the fruits of freedom by even the common-nest among the people. The 20-Point programme is not a mere slogan; it is a blueprint for progress, an invitation to sustained national endeavour, and an inspiring call to each one of us to play our part in making this nation great. Independence is not an end in itself but is only a beginning of the pilgrimage towards enduring achievements in raising the standard of the common man, whom Bapuji called by the name 'Daridra Narayanan'. Every one of our schemes and actions during the last few months has been inspired by a desire to take the benefits of progress and liberty to the most under-privileged sections of our society and to see that a new social order based on equality and justice is built up, transcending the barriers of religion, caste and community. Tamil Nadu has played a very significant role in creating a climate for dedicated endeavour and I have the fullest confidence that in the years to come Tamil Nadu will continue to be in the vanguard of national advancement.

The last few months have seen the consolidation of the gains of our schemes to increase agricultural production. We have fixed and are implementing minimum wages for agricultural labour. Schemes for the assignment of land to the landless poor and particularly to Harijans are being implemented with increased vigour. Thanks to our sustained efforts, gruelling food shortages are now a memory of the past and we have a very comfortable buffer stock of foodgrains which will help us to tide over any difficulties as a result of adverse seasonal conditions. Nature has been rather unkind to us in certain areas of the State which have been affected by drought for the second successive year. The Government of India have come forward to assist us generously and schemes for providing relief, not only of an immediate nature but of long term benefit to the people in the drought affected areas, have been drawn up with imagination and are being implemented with a high sense of duty.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE

On the industrial front, we have been able to create a climate of peace and harmony and able to ensure that the workers and industrialists both join together in a concerted effort to increase production. It is a matter of immense gratification to us that in the last few months, prices have come down very considerably and the pernicious effects of inflation have been effectively checked. This is doubly welcome in Tamil Nadu because in 1974 and 1975 prices had soared to dizzy heights. To-day the consumer and the producer are both assured of a fair and just deal; the economy

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A Flying Decade For NCC Air Wing

The National Cadet Corps training in classes, parades or in camps, includes an element of adventure. The training taps the yearning for adventure which is normal in the youth. The Air Wing of the NCC offers something more by providing flying and gliding opportunities.

During the last 10 years, the Air Wing of the NCC has greatly expanded its facilities. The number of gliding launches has risen more than tenfold to over 43,000 during 1975-76. The number of hours the cadets have spent in powered flights has also increased six times to about 13,000 hours. The increase in the number of cadets sent solo in gliders and powered aircraft is also impressive. During 1975-76, cadets carried out 223 solo powered flights and 138 also glides. This includes 12 also glides by girl cadets.

FACILITIES FOR GIRLS

The facilities of powered flights by Girls Squadron of the NCC have been made broad based. From September 1974, these facilities were available only to the Girls Air Squadron of NCC at Banasthali in Rajasthan. But this opportunity has been thrown open last year to selected Girls Division cadets from all the states. The scheme has been a tremendous success and has proved to be a great source of encouragement.

The NCC now have 45 flying and 9 technical squadrons in the country covering about 55,000 Junior and Senior Division cadets. Flying and gliding training is available to the NCC cadets from the colleges and universities. Senior Division cadets are given flying and gliding training in the second and the third year. The first year is utilised for mastering various aeronautical subjects like principles of flights, aeromodelling, navigation and airmanship. In addition, the syllabus of the Air Wing also has the regular features of drill with and without arms and .303 rifle and .12 bore skeet shooting.

TRAINING

Powered flying is obtained exclusively through the civil flying clubs. A cadet has to fly 60-65 hours for eligibility to obtain a Pupil Pilot Licence (PPL). Gliding is carried out primarily with the help of Air Force. A cadet normally does 100 launches during his stay in the NCC. Apart from flying and gliding they are also given intensive aeromodelling training.

Successful cadets are awarded 'B' certificate after two years of training and 'C' certificate on completion of three years. Those holding 'C' certificate are eligible for commission in the Air Force for which 10 vacancies are reserved in each flying pilot course. From 1954 upto January 1976, 247 NCC Air Wing cadets have been selected for commission in the Air Force.

For the Junior Division cadets, in the Air Wing, the training is mostly ground based. They learn in a basic form the same subjects as covered by the Senior Division. Ground training of cadets includes attending the annual training camps. Once on a year an All India Vayu Sainik Camp is held at one of the Air Force stations. The camp is attended by 10 selected cadets from each NCC Air Squadron.

There are other prizes a cadet can work, besides a commission in the Air Force. For instance, during NCC Republic Day camps, the Air Wing cadets take part in Best Glider Pilot, Best Skeet Shooting and Best Aeromodelling competitions. During Vayu Sainik Camp, there are competitions for Best Air Wing Squadron, Best Aeromodelling Squadron, Best Skeet Shooting Squadron, Best Flying/Gliding and Aeromodelling Squadron and for Best Air Contingent and Best Aeromodelling Cadet.

Wedlock with foreigners

The number of marriages overt all has fallen steadily in recent years in the Federal Republic of Germany, yet there has been an increase in the number of marriages of or with foreign nationals. In 1960 foreigners accounted for one or both the parties to wedlock in a mere four per cent of marriages. By 1974 this percentage has increased to nine, according to the Federal Statistics Office, Wiesbaden. So one marriage in eleven is with a foreigner—surely a significant increase!

The percentage is substantially higher in Hamburg, Hesse and Baden-Wurttemberg, not to mention West Berlin. These are the industrial areas where a majority of the four million migrant workers and their families live. As might be expected the most frequent variety of mixed marriage is between a non-German and a German woman, followed no less unpredictably by German men who marry foreign women.

The German Miss, or Fraulein, seems to prefer Itailans, but Americans, Austrians, Yugoslavs and Dutchmen are also popular. The German bachelor would appear to have a predilection for Yogoslav women. Austrian, Dutch and French girls come next in order of popularity.

In 1974, the year under review, 8,400 non-German couples turned up at registry offices. Most of them were Greeks. Mixed marriages between different foreign nationalities are strikingly uncommon. In 1974 only one permutation was registered in more than fifty cases, marriages between Italian men and Yugoslav women.

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FUN AND LAUGHTER

DEVASTATING !

The brazen young tennis player entered the official's office and said, "I'm going to be invited to the big tournament coming up—just as sure as I am that you wouldn't want your wife to hear about the gay young redh ad we met over in New Jersey.'

"Of course you'll be invited," said the older man. "And may I congratulate you on your devastating backhand stroke ?"

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PROTECTED

"How about a little kiss, baby ?"

"No, I have scruples !"

"Thass awright. I've been vaccinated."

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ENVY

"Do you know," said one Yorkshireman to another, "my wife's an angel." "By gum," replied the other, "you're lucky —mine's still living."

THE REASON

They were discussing feminine rights at a dinner table at which sat Yvonne Printemps. "All that argumentation seems useless to me," said her neighbour. "Which woman would not rather be beautiful than intelligent?"

"That's true," replied. Yvonne "But do you know why? Because most men are dull ; but very few are blind."

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MISTAKEN

An Irishman and a Scotsman were passing a Roman Catholic cathedral in Montreal. The Irishman removed his hat ; the Scot did the same.

After they had passed, the Irishman sa d to the Scotsman : "I thought you were a Presbyterian. I was glad to see you take off your hat when you passed the Holy Church !"

"Church !" said the Scotsman "M n. I thought it was the Bank of Montreal."

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THE REASON

"I am a man of few words," said Robinson.

"Married, of course ?" queried Thompson

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EXPLANATION

"Come out of that water ! Bathing's not allowed there"

"Pardon me, I m not bathing. I'm drowning."

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FAINTING FIT !

Notice in a London tailor's window : "Don't stop outside and faint ; come inside and have a good fit."

HIS WORRY !

The first form teacher took one look at Wilmer and knew he was going to give trouble. But when she started to explain arithmetic to her c'ass she was pleased to see he was paying close attention. When she had finished several problems she asked : "Are there any questions ?"

"Yes," said Wilmer. "Where do those little numbers go when you rub them out ?"

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OUTDONE !

The newly-rich woman was trying to make an impression.

"I clean my diamonds with ammonia," she said, "my rubies with Bordeaux wine, my emeralds with Danzig brandy, and my sapphires with f esh milk."

"I don't clean mine." said the quiet woman sitting next to her. "When they get dirty I just throw them away."

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IN THE SAME BOAT

One little girl of seven ran to tell her playmate that there was a new baby at the house. "Is he going to stay ?" asked the playmate.

"I guess so," said the little girl "He has all his clothes off."

"How do you know it's a he?"

"I heard them say the baby has Ma's features and Pa's fixtures."

"Who brought the baby ?" asked the playmate.

"Dr. Pemberton."

"Dr, Pemberton ? Oh, we take from him, too."

Divorce !

A film star who married rather often found it expedient to get a divorce in a hurry. Her lawyer suggested Mexico.

"But I don't speak Spanish," she protested.

"That's all right," said the lawyer. "Whenever there's a pause all you have to do is to say, Si, si !"

When she appeared in court the whole population turned out to witness the event. There was much emotion and bowing and the star said "Si, si," very firmly on numerous occasions. Suddenly the crowd gave a great cheer.

"Well, I guess I'm divorced," she said complacently.

"Divorced, my eyes" cried her lawyer "you've just married the judge !"

PARALLEL

The orchestral concert was a novelty to the elderly lady. "It's rather wonderful" she said to her companion. "If you shut your eyes it's just like being at home listening to the radio."

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THE PUZZLE !

Working on a cross word puzzle, Mrs. Clark asked : "What is a female sheep ?"

"Ewe," replied Mr Clark-and the battle was on.

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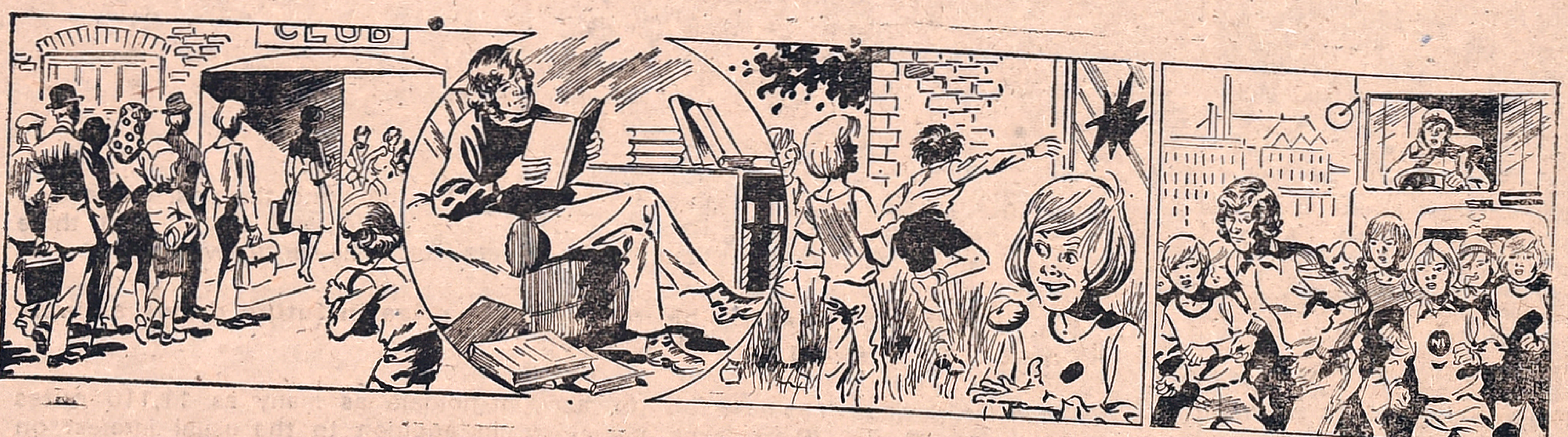
ENTERPRISING !

A Lobour Party supporter was extolling the virtues of Socialism.

"Britain has bonnie babies," he said dramatically. "Why ?"

"Private enterprise," cried a heckler from the rear.

Olympic Athletes

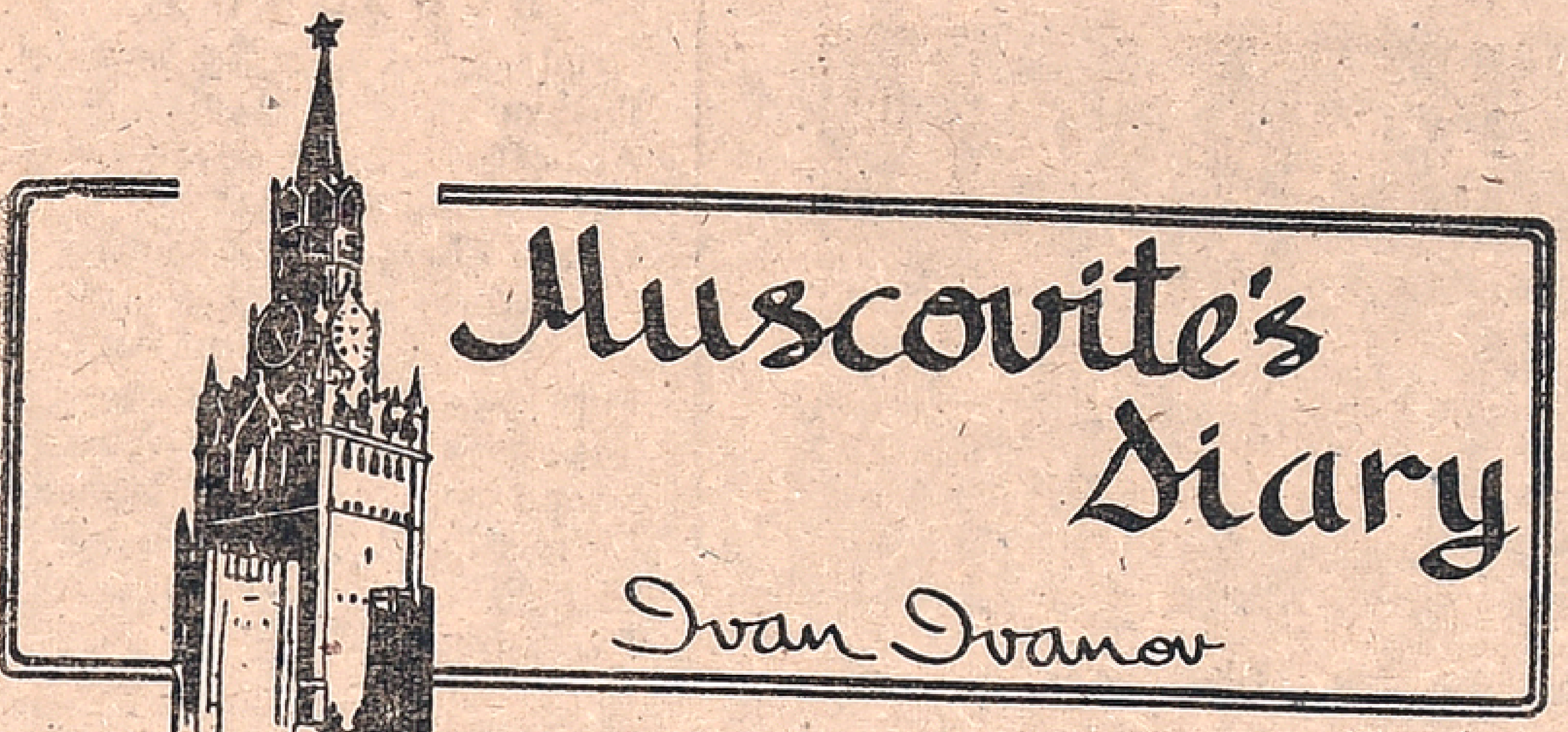


Sporting fervour is so great in Gateshead that it is no longer just Foster who runs in his lunch break, but scores of the town's citizens —businessmen, insurance clerks, secretaries and children.

Foster is a great student of distance running and has read everything ever written on the subject. He can go back to the 1850s and tell of John White, "the Gateshead Clipper" who set a world professional 10 mile record and once won £100 in a race in America.

"Big Bren" is a father-figure to the child en of the northern town who live among rows of terraced houses in the Tyne Valley. "I'm trying to reach the sort of child who goes out smashing windows," he says. One night, a child broke 36 windows in the town's athletics stadium.

His wife, Sue, drops a change of clothes into his office every day for use after a training session. He does his track work with children on Tuesday and Thursdays, and in a private session on Saturdays. Many a bus driver has had to change down a gear when coming up behind Foster on one of his road runs.



FRUITFUL SOVIET-INDIAN COOPERATION IN CINEMA

"We would like our cooperation to grow further in future. There are no problems of cooperation between the Soviet Union and India. The only thing is that we have to put our heads together to see that the existing cooperation becomes more fruitful, wider and deeper," said Mr. V. C. Shukla, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, and leader of the Indian film delegation to the Tashkent Film festival in an interview.

Sharing his impressions of the Fourth International Film Festival of Asian, African and Latin American countries, he described it as an "important undertaking that contributes to better mutual understanding and closer friendly ties among the peoples."

The Indian Minister has had detailed discussions with F. Yermash, Chairman of the USSR State Committee for Cinematography, last year. Recalling the talks, Mr. Shukla said that the discussions," proved very useful for us to understand the situation so that we could expand our cooperation further. In the coming five years our cooperation grow."

The Minister said that the USSR and India were having basic understanding on all aspects, and stressed that the need today is the development of cooperation through joint work of Soviet and Indian film-makers and the exchange of films.

Speaking about the contents of Soviet films, Mr. Shukla said: "Entertainment is not the only aim of the film. It is the means by which you convey an educational message or educational theme, or the themes which make people united, make them happy, peaceful and cooperative with such other. That is what we get in Soviet films."

This is not the first visit of the Indian Minister to Tashkent, He was quick to observe the spectacular changes that have occurred in the city since his first visit six years ago. "I congratulate the people of Uzbekistan," Mr. Shukla said, "for having made such a good progress in such a short time."

The Indian Minister referred to the Soviet entry at the festival, "The White Steamer," directed by B. Shamshiyev, after Chengiz Aitmatov's novel of the same name, and said it was "extremely good and interesting." He expressed the desire that the film may be sent to the film festival in India to be held in January 1977.

SEASON TICKET IN MOSCOW CITY RAILWAY

With railwaymen the theme this weak, I have been nagged to say something about commuter (season ticket) fares in the USSR.

Instead of answering, I put the quest on to my friend Nikolai Sokolov.

Sokolov lives in Stroitel, a village 12½ miles outside Moscow, and commutes into the city for his job as an engineering worker.

His monthly season ticket costs him 1½ roubles (less than Rs. 13) and he can use it whenever he wants.

Of course Nikolai, 23, is a bit of a spend hrift. If he wanted to, he could buy a yearly season, which would be cheaper still.

What Nikolol pays doesn't cover the cost of his travelling, but the Soviet government sees commuter travel as a social need. The commuter only pays about a fifth of the total cost of his journey.

By buying a monthly or longer period season ticket the commuter only pays about 10 to 15 per cent of what he would if he bought return tickets daily.

Special cheap commuter fares apply not only in the Moscow region. There are 141 Soviet cities with a population of over 150,000 people.

Cheap fast public transport is the government policy. This is shown not only on the commuter routes into Moscow but also in the Metro, which carried 5½ million people a day for 5 kopecks each.

Perhaps only one more thing needs to be said. There has been no increase in fares for as long as most of the commuters can remember.

NEW TOOLS SHOW THE OLD

Ever since Soviet archaeologists, excavating a Late Stone Age site in the Caucasus in 1974, discovered, among other things, three stones clearly shaped by human hands, argument has raged over what they were for.

Now Leningrad branch of the Academy of Sciences, using the latest microphotography techniques has proved that they are the most ancient axes—about 25,000 years old—ever found in the USSR.

Microphotographs show up tiny chips and scratches' caused by use, and the researchers checked their findings by making new flint instruments and using them in ways primitive man might have done.

The tiny marks left on the surface were exactly the same as on the Stone Age tools.

CONSIDERATE

A thin, worn-out woman brought her husband to court.

"Judge," she said, "he's so terribly cruel! He's a hypnotist and just before mealtime he always hypnotizes me and turns me into a canary and gives me nothing but canary seed to eat."

"Is that true?" the judge asked.

"Your Honor," said the husband, "she's a lucky woman. I could just as easily turn her into a sparrow and then she'd have to go out and hunt her own food."

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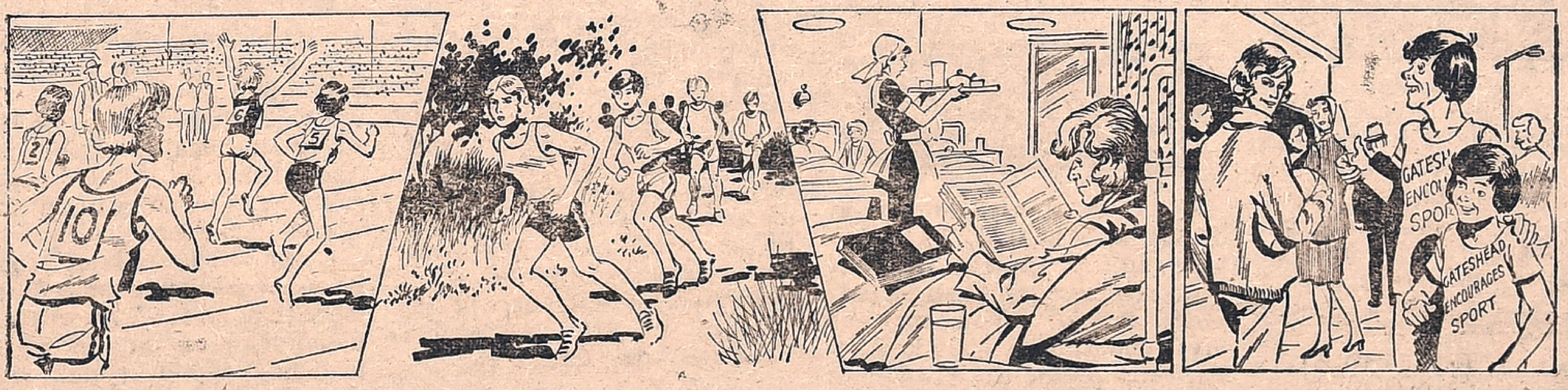
EXPLANATION

"Well, my father has another wife to support."

"Bigamy?"

"Naw, I got married."

Brendan Foster



Foster has been responsible for bringing the best athletes in the world to run at the annual Gateshead Games. The event used to feature local runners. Now great track names attend, men like Rod Dixon, John Walker, Akii-Bua, Filbert Bayi and Alan Pascoe.

Foster's influence on the younger generation has helped produce some startlingly promising athletes. The 13-14 year olds in the Gateshead club are all doing 10-mile runs now, and some even 13 miles. There are 13 year olds in the town better than Foster was at 15.

Foster suffered a temporary scare in December 1974 when he was laid low with a mysterious back injury suffered in training. Hospital treatment put him back on the road to Montreal.

The Gateshead athlete has not decided which event to compete in at Montreal. Some of his more ardent fans, who wear 'Gateshead Encourages Sport" T-shirts and will be on the 'plane to the Olympics to support their hero, would like to see him in a hat-trick of events in Canada—the 1,500 metres, 5,000 meters and 10,000 metres. END

For The Week 20th June To 26th June 1976

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

FAVOURABLE period to implement your plans. You should not be discouraged by opposition and rivalries. You can expect cooperation and encouragement from your associates. Financial position will improve shortly. Partnership matters should be finalised as early as possible. Family matters should be handled cautiously. Favourable days 25 and 26.

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VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

FAVOURABLE period. You can expect relief from the pressure shortly. Family members will be sympathetic to your views. Financial position will improve. Avoid speculative investments. Legal matters should be handled carefully to avoid complications. Favourable days 20 and 21.

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MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

YOU will get much relief by the end of this week from the domestic problems. Financial position also start showing signs of improvement. Health will be satisfactory. You may be undertaking a journey for business. Your partner will be very useful in implementing your plans. Favourable days 21 and 22.

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KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

YOU will be relieved of certain responsibilities by the end of this week. But still you should be cautious while tackling important problems. Family members will not be agreeable to your views for some more time. You should be patient to overcome the difficulty. Financial position will not be satisfactory. However your business prospects will start showing signs of improvement. Favourable days 23 and 24.

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SIMHA (LEO)
Magha Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

YOU are passing through a favourable period. So try to make use of the opportunity. Financial position will improve. Speculative gains are also indicated. You may also have an opportunity to shift your residence or business premises. You may be undertaking a journey shortly. Only factor that requires attention is health. Favourable days 25 and 26.

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KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

MILDLY favourable period. Business prospects will improve. Try to make use of the opportunity as early as possible to reorganise your business set up. Financial position will improve, but avoid speculative investment. Family conditions will continue to give trouble. You should be cautious while travelling. Be prepared for unexpected developments on 21 and 22.

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THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

YOU are slowly coming out of difficult situation. You may have an opportunity to shift your residence or business premises shortly. You may be also undertaking a journey. Partnership matters will be finalised and you can expect good results from such a venture. Avoid impulsive actions on 23 and 24.

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VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

MILDLY favourable period. You will be able to solve some of your problems by end of this week. Your health also shows signs of improvement. You will get reward and recognition from your superiors for the efforts you have been making all these days. However avoid speculative dealings. Problems relating to children should be handled properly. You should be prepared for sudden developments on 25 and 26.

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DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

UNFAVOURABLE planetary influence that were operating on you for the past several weeks will start subsiding slowly. However you should be cautious in handling all important problems. You should be more cautious in handling legal matters and matters relating to Government authorities. You should also be cautious in dealing with strangers. Partnership matters could be finalised favourably. Among the two or three propositions you should choose the best one taking into consideration your future course of action. Favourable days 23 and 24.

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MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana Dhanistha 1/2

FAVOURABLE period. You will be able to solve domestic problems to some extent. Partnership matters also could be finalised to your advantage. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Health requires attention. Avoid travelling unless necessary. Property matters should be finalised as early as possible. Favourable days 25 and 26.

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KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhisha
Purva Badrapada 3/4

MIXED results are indicated. Opposition and rivalry you were facing for sometime will start subsiding. Financial position will improve. Speculative gains are also indicated. Matters relating to children could be settled favourably. You may have some trouble due to transport and communication problems. You should prepare yourself for a long drawn struggle to improve your condition. Favourable days 21 and 22.

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MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada
Uttara Badrapada Revati

MILDLY favourable period. You will be able to solve some of your problems by the end of this week. However you may face some competition from associates. If you are patient you will be able to overcome opposition within a month's time. Matters relating to children could be settled favourably. Financial position will improve. Property matters should be finalised as early as possible. It is also possible to acquire a vehicle. Favourable days 23 and 24.

GLOSSARY

Arudra	—திருவாதிரை
Pushya	—பூசம்
Ashlesha	—ஆயில்யம்
Purva Phalguni	—பூரம்
Uttara Phalguni	—உத்திரம்
Anuradha	—அனுஷம்
Jyeshtha	—கேட்டை
Purva Ashada	—பூராடம்
Uttara Ashada	—உத்திராடம்
Shravana	—திருவோணம்
Dhanistha	—அவிட்டம்
Satha Bhishag	—சதயம்
Purva Bhadrapada	—பூரட்டாதி
Uttara Bhadrapada	—உத்திரட்டாதி

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World's first Sun-run adder

The World's first pocket calculator powered by solar cells was unveiled at this year's Hanover Fair, where 450,000 visitors saw for themselves the latest innovations in technology.

The slimline adder needs neither batteries nor an adapter. It is ready for use as soon as bright light shines on it. The manufacturers of the Solar 1980, who plan to market the device at less than 300 deutschmarks guarantee a working life of more than 10,000 hours.

Despite its streamlined proportions the calculator incorporates more than most of the advanced design features on the market, including liquid crystal eight-digit display, floating decimal, percentage and square root keys and a genuine memory.

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Q BREAKER

The nurse beckoned to one of a group of expectant fathers, and announced, 'You have a fine son.'

Immediately another man rushed up and complained, 'What's the idea ? I was here before he was."

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is looking up, with both the industrial activity and agricultural production attaining a fast growth rate. In the matter of land reforms and urban land ceilings Tamil Nadu had untill recently stood a little aloof and it is only in the last few months that there are encouraging signs that Tamil Nadu will accept the spirit and directions of national policy in these vital spheres.

There has thus been a consolidation of progress on all fronts, and a determined effort to break new ground in certain spheres where we had lagged behind till now. Animated by this new spirit and encouraged by the general toning up of standards in public life and in Government adminstration, I am sure that Tamil Nadu will once again be able to catch up with the position of leadership which it had enjoyed for several years, not only during the struggle for independence but also in the early phase of national consolidation.

THANKS

I wish to thank all sections of the people of Tamil Nadu and particularly the very enlightened and efficient Press of Tamil Nadu for the co-operation they have extended to me. I would also like to congratulate the officers of Tamil Nadu on the well-deserved reputation for efficiency which they have earned and would appeal to them to maintain this high standard of efficiency and administrative probity. To the two Advisers, with whom I have had the privilege of working, for the last few months, I would extend my very best wishes and hope that with their varied and rich experience and administrative efficiency, Tamil Nadu will be able to achieve new heights in a dynamic welfare administration. To my successor, Shri Mohanlal Sukhadia, I wish to extend on your behalf a most heart ywelcome. We have been comrades in the national struggle for independence and have been colleagues in the tasks of national reconstruction. The rich experience, both administrative and political, which he is bringing with him will be of great value to Tamil Nadu. With his progressive outlook, his sense of values, his deep dedication to public good and his abundant sympathy for the down-trodden he will not only be a Governor in the official sense, but a true guide and friend of the people of Tamil Nadu.

That Terrible Telephone

The very word "telephone" makes French people shiver with fright. The phone rates and calls are very expensive. The telephone girls who are asked to explain the high bills are often called gangsters. The number of people complaining about mistakes in bills has doubled in the past few months, writes the Paris weekly "L'Express". In the Paris area alone there were more than 36,000 such complaints lodged in 1975.

HUMOROUS SCIENCE FICTION

Calling Olympus

By VALENTIN BERESTOV

"*Calling* Mount Olympus, Olympus. Do you hear me ?—over,"

"We hear you, What orders with regard to evacuation...over."

"Schedule unchanged. In three hours everyone is to be at the cosmodrome. Do you read me ?"

"Affirmative. Will report on the situation. The collections do not fit in! Twelve sections are crammed full. Prometheus proposes to distribute part of the equipment among the Achatans and to fill up the freed space with more of the collections. Your opinion, Chief?"

"Olympus! You may fill the 13th section with the collections. The equipment is to be blown up! Not a trace of it is to remain. Entrust the business to Prometheus. Do you read me ? Over."

"Affirmative. The equipment is to be destroyed. Mercury requests permission to give his bicycle to Hercules,"

'Repeat. No traces of our presence on this planet are to remain. Mercury is an idiot! Doesn't he realise that Hercules would use the bicycle for political ends."

'Jupiter, you're angry, which means you're in the wrong."

"I don't think that's funny. Over."

"Chief, this is Melpomene. Tell Apollo to give me a helicopter for half an hour. I forgot to take a picture of the theatre of Epidaurus."

"Chief! Chief! Hymen has been grabbed. They're trying to drag him off to another wedding."

"Is that you Mars? Give them a round from a rocket. Disperse them. Melpomene, no helicopters. You should have thought of it earlier. Apollo, what's the matter with you? Nine lab assistants and still dis-organised!'

"Chief, Mars here again. I've only got red rockets. They'll take it as a signal to war."

"It's about time you realised that the causes of war are social. What has the colour of the rockets to do with it? Act!"

"Daddy, what a statue we're loading on now! Do you remember I posed nude for one sculptor ?"

"Venus, return that statue to the temple immediately. It is a masterpiece of man and belongs to mankind."

"Daddy, since when are you so respectful of temples? You're an atheist."

"Instead of a goddess of love I wish they'd invented a goddess of respect! Olympus! Olympus! Where's Prometheus ?"

"Hymen is at the base. Prometheus is at the stores, getting explosives. In order to alarm the local inhabitants, I suggest we throw the surplus equipment into the crater of Vesuvius and blow it up. They'll take it for an ordinary volcanic eruption."

'Is that you, Vulcan ? Not a bad idea. Go ahead."

"Chief, this is Appollo. Can't we leave anything behind for a Keepsake. So they'll know we were here."

"They'll turn our instruments into idols and fetishes. They'll smear our TV sets and helicopters with bull's blood and bow down to them. Blow up everything!"

"Neptune reporting. The oceanographic section has completed its work The bathyscaphe has been scuttled. We are leaving for the cosmodrome."

"Pluto reporting. The geologists have picked up the last samples. In about 15 or 20 minutes we'll be leaving for the cosmodrome."

"Why the delay ?"

"Cerberus has taken off after a patridge, The scoundrel!"

"Just a minute, don't go off the air. This is Apollo. Chief, say something fitting to the occasion."

"What ? Well...Listen all. We have worked...er...well, Well, I said. In the name of the leadership of the expedition I thank and congratulate the entire team......".

"Attention! Attention! Prometheus has been detained at the cosmodrome while attempting to destroy the rocket"

"He's gone insane! Aesculapius, certify this madman immediately!"

"Aesculapius reporting, The encephalograph is fine. Departure from the norm negligible. He is not ill."

"Put him on! Prometheus, I'm listening. Over."

"Chief, I wanted us to stay on Earth and help people. To make them happy."

"You fool! They haven't matured enough for that. They'll come to it, though I have faith in them."

"Chief, I want to stay on Earth. I want to give people my knowledge."

"In case you're interested, they've asked for everything but knowledge."

"And did you offer them knowledge ?

"All right, we'll talk it over en route. Get into the rocket. You are removed from all duties."

"I said I'm staying."

"They'll kill you and blame us."

"I'm prepared for everything."

"I don't recognise you, my boy. Have you forgotten our native planet ? You almost prevented us from going home. What have they given you ? What have they done to you ?"

"And what have they done to you ? How could you conceal from them that we were not immortal ? How could you allow them to worship us like deities ?"

"Now listen, that was done soley in order to ensure the safety of our personnel. And in any case, at the present stage of their development they are incapable of understanding who we are."

"They didn't understand you and made you gods, I understood them and became a man."

"What ? 'You' ? 'A man'? Bind him and put him in the rocket. He will face trial."

"Themis speaking. For your information: if he is a man, our laws do not apply to him. We have no right to take him with us."

"I understand, Themis, the law is the law. Untie him. At least someone will wave goodbye to us."

"Themis speaking. For your information: the presence of local inhabitants at a rocket launching is discouraged on planets whose civilisation is undeveloped as it is not known how they will react."

"Right. Send him off somewhere, then. Let's say, the Caucasus."

"Chief, this is Mars. May I give him a revolver ?"

"Themis speaking. For your information: it is forbidden to hand over weapons to beings of immature civilisations as it is not known into whose hands they might fall and to what use they might be put."

"Chief, but he's one of us!"

"Unfortunately, he is already one of them. Didn't you hear what Themis said ? Farewell, Prometheus. I hope that...".

"Attention! Mercury speaking. In keeping with the schedule I am now proceeding to the liquidation of all means of communication. All earth radio stations are now going off the air."

'Chief speaking, Correction. Temporarily going off the air. Thunder and lightening! Prometheus has gone into action!"

He Didn't Do So Badly

Bob Dorsey didn't do so badly when he was retired from the post of chairman of the Gulf Oil Corporation in the scandal involving it in bribing and other machinations. His services to the company were well rewarded. He was paid a lump sum of $1.6 million in retirement benefits and will receive an annual pension of $48.158. Moreover, he can purchase 200,000 shares of Gulf stock at 20 per cent below the current market price. Lastly, he is also to be issued $54,000 in accumulated vacation pay.

New Police Weapon

California policemen have been issued with portable scales to weight the hashish they confiscate. For, under a new law adopted in the state, possession of hashish in quantities not exceeding one ounce (28.3 grammes) is a minor offence entailing a fine. If a person is found with more than one ounce, he faces criminal charges and a prison sentence.

Muthuraman and Sarada in Sarada Arts' 'Mazhai Megam'' directed by A. S. Prakasam.

Tashkent Film Festivals: South Indian Delegates' Views

THE unique role played by the International Film Festivals at Tashkent in projecting the achievements of developing countries in the field of film-making was highlighted by speakers, who participated in the House of Soviet Culture last week organised by the Cultural Department of the USSR Consulate General and the Film Directors Council.

Mr. P. Pullaiah, President South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce, who presided over the meeting said, that the International Film Festivals at Tashkent provided an opportunity to to get an idea of the achievements of the developing countries in film making.

India was represented at the Fest val by a big delegation consisting of 42 members, and Indian films were very much appreciated by tne international audience, noted Mr. Pullaiah.

Mr. T, Prakash Rao, President of the Film Directors' Council, said, that the Soviet film directors were very much interested in Indian films and that the Chairman of the Association of Soviet Film Makers has invited delegation of Indian film directors.

Mr. S. Krishnaswamy, film distributor, in his address said that the Tashkent Festival was an excellent meeting place for artistes, technicians and directors from the developing countries for exchanging views.

Miss Manju Bhargavi, an ac ress, also spoke.

Elizabeth Taylor On 'Blue Bird'

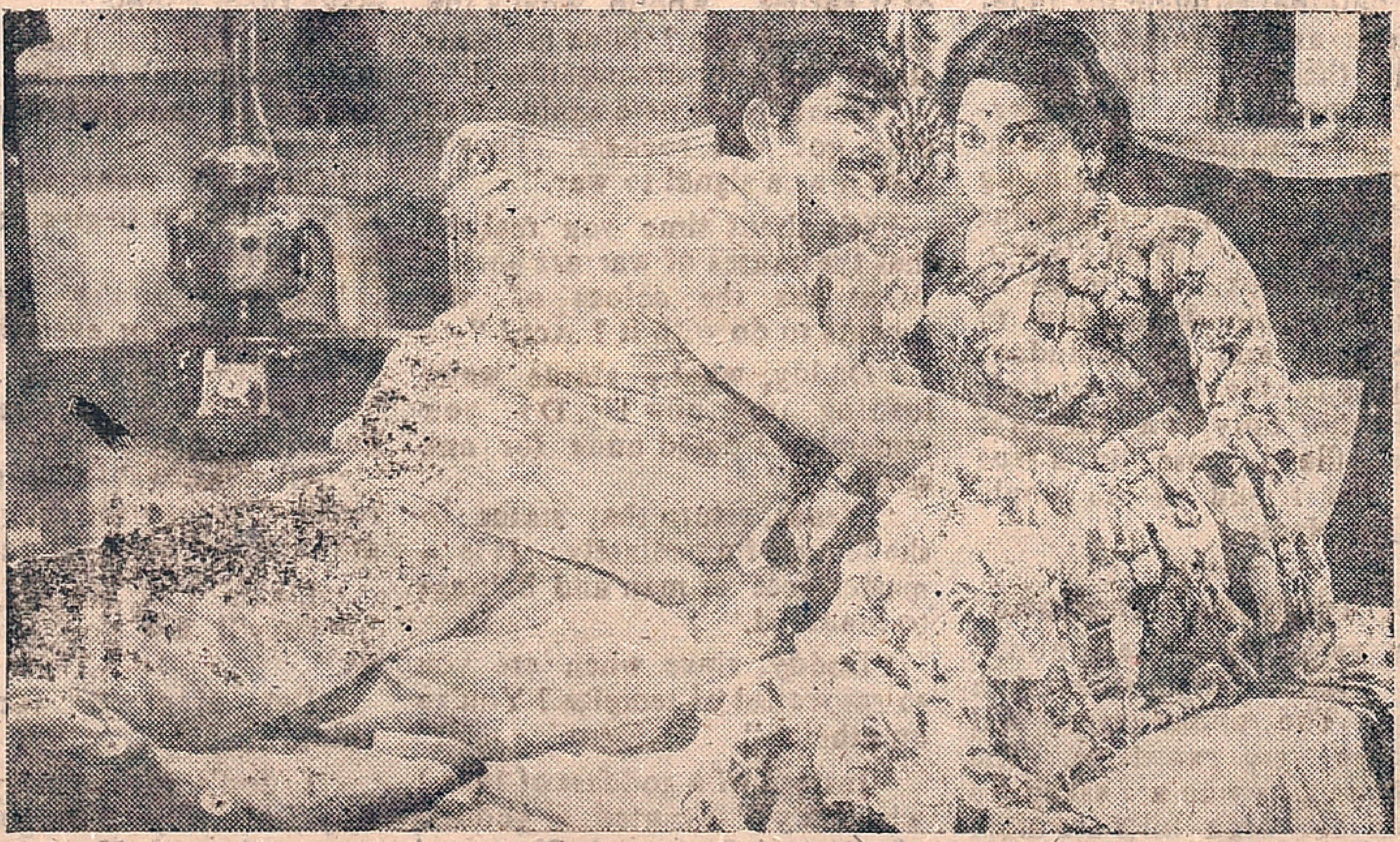
Recently the premiere show of the film BLUE BIRD, the first Soviet-American joint production, was held in Washington. The film based on Maeterlink's philosophical fairy tale play was produced in the Leningrad film studios. George Cuker of USA, wellknown for his musical film 'My Fair Lady!' has directed this film and famous Soviet Balleriana Maya Pliesetskaya as well as wellknown American actresses Elizabeth Taylor and Jane Fonda have acted in this film. The title role of the film is play d by Nadya Pavlova a young ballet star and actress from Perm in the Urals.

American people warmly welcomed the delegation which arrived specially for the premiere from the Soviet Union headed by F. Ermash, Presinent of State Cinema, Oleg Popov and composer Andrey Petrov who scored the music for the film. Important people from American film world also participated in the premiere.

Speaking after the show Elezabeth Taylor said: "The film 'Blue Bird', I hope, will fly throughout the world for a long time and carry in its wings good to all".

Film News In Pictures

An attractive pose of Jaya.



Vijayakumar and Jayadevi in the film "Idhaya Malar".

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